

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Target Stores Recognition of Detective Ridino and Detective Butterfield

DATE: October 26, 1999

PREPARED BY: LARRY D. HANSEN, CHIEF OF POLICE

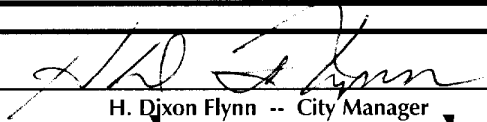
RECOMMENDED ACTION: City Council recognition of Target Stores "Partnership Appreciation Awards (Sept. 1999) received by Investigations Detective Reba Ridino #21 and Narcotics Detective Roger Butterfield #87.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Detective (Det.) Ridino has conducted numerous theft and fraud investigations in which Target stores in Lodi and Stockton have been victimized. Two of those investigations have resulted in the successful recovery of large amounts of stolen property and arrest and prosecution of suspects. In both of these cases the suspects involved were responsible for the systematic theft of Target property which was then returned for cash with stolen receipts. For months the suspects were not identified. Det. Ridino, working with store security personnel, successfully identified multiple suspects. Search warrants were obtained for the suspects' residences. \$20,000.00 in stolen property was recovered and \$6,380.00 in cash was seized.

Det. Butterfield works in the Narcotic Unit. He developed relationships with local stores seeking their cooperation in identifying persons who purchase large quantities of over the counter cold tablets. These large amounts of cold tablets are chemically converted and used to produce methamphetamine in illegal drug labs. Det. Butterfield and other members of the LPD Narcotics Unit have used information provided by the Lodi Target Store to locate illegal drug labs and arrest the suspects. One of the most notable cases resulted in the discovery of two active drug labs at a residence, recovery of an explosive device, and the arrest of three suspects that were major lab operators in the Lodi area.

Additionally Det. Butterfield assisted Target Stores, National Loss Prevention Manager, in developing a national store policy that may be implemented to address the issue of over the counter drug sales that can be used to produce illegal drugs.


APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

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Target Stores annually recognize federal, state and local law enforcement personnel that partner with their Loss Prevention personnel to investigate crimes that effect their industry. This is the first occasion that two officers from the same department have been recognized in the same year. Target Stores also recognized the Lodi Police Department's commitment to provide a professional level of service to their industry and has awarded a grant to purchase a Video Still Photo Printer (value \$1,000.00). This will aid the department in capturing still photo images from surveillance videos from stores in our community from crime bulletins and suspects identification.

FUNDING: N/A


Larry D. Hansen
Chief of Police

cc: City Attorney



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FYI

EVALUATION
99/2000

September 20, 1999

Dear Reba,

On behalf of Target Stores, a division of the Dayton Hudson Corporation, I am privileged to invite you to our first annual "Law Enforcement Partners Dinner and Awards Banquet". We are hosting this event to recognize the importance of partnerships between Law Enforcement and the private sector

The details for this event are:

Date: Monday September 27, 1999

Time: Mixer: 7:00 PM
Dinner: 7:30 PM
Awards: After Dinner

Place: The Hungry Hunter
1400 Willow Pass Road
Concord CA. 94520

Attire: Casual

RSVP: Please RSVP by calling 707-438-2818

We would be honored if you would join us for this event and allow us to recognize the partnership you have shown.

Sincerely,,

R. Tony Martin
Investigator
Target Stores